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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in this continuation application. The Examiner has restricted (Office Action, *pp.* 2-4) the pending claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 10-12 drawn to a composition, vector and host cell comprising a nucleic acid encoding Orphanin FQ receptor (OFQR), classified in class 536, subclass 23.5;
- II. Claims 7-9 drawn to a transgenic animal comprising the host cell of group I, classified in class 800, subclass 8;
- III. Claims 13 and 14 drawn to a composition comprising an OFQR polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 350; and
- IV. Claims 15-20 drawn to a method of screening test compounds for the ability to bind OFQR, alter interaction between OFQR and Orphanin FQ or to bind OFQR, classified in class 435, subclass 4.


In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Applicant herein elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-6 and 10-12) drawn to compositions.

The Applicant herein cancel the non-elected claims of Groups II, III, and IV (claims 7-9, 13, 14, and 15-20) without prejudice to their further prosecution in one or more additional applications.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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